

# Belsize Residents Association

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 8th March 2015 in Hampstead Town Hall

**Present:** Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Deborah Buzan, Alexandra Crisp, Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Pat Holden, Consuelo Phelan, Anne Stevens, Councillors Claire-Louise Leyland and Leila Roy and about 75 other BRA members

**Apologies:** Ada Bromley, Gordon Curtis, Lois Dyer, Judith Gubbay, Sarah Howard, Averil Nottage

1. Minutes of the 2014 AGM: Approved, proposed by Helen Cordell and seconded by Bea Wober.

Matters arising: None

2. Presentation of the Chair's Report for 2014.

Key developments included:

- Written and oral objections to proposals for 100 Avenue Road, together with co-funding an expert study on heritage aspects
- Lodging a Parliamentary petition seeking a better deal for Belsize in the HS2 construction works
- Local election hustings in May
- Work on developing a new website

Questions and comments on the Chair's report. These covered:

- The BRA will put resources into the developer's appeal about 100 Avenue Road
- In relation to a new Tesco on Haverstock Hill, the BRA Committee noted the excellent local campaigning activities which it would assist
- Consultation on the Local Plan is ongoing; the BRA Committee supports the proposals in the Plan about basements
- Procedures for hustings were clarified: they are determined by the BRA Committee

3. Presentation of Accounts for 2014. The Treasurer notified the meeting of Philip Vince's passing away, highlighting his kind work as the independent examiner for many years. Jill Tyrrell was warmly thanked for acting as independent examiner for 2014 at short notice. The accounts were presented and accepted on the proposal of Gordon Maclean, seconded by Sarah Courtin

4. Appointment of independent examiner for accounts. Jill Tyrrell was appointed for 2015 on the proposal of Helen Cordell, seconded by Terence Freedman.

5. Election of Committee Members. Ten members stood for election. In the absence of any objections, all were elected nem. com.

6. Any other business.

- The meeting resolved that the BRA would work to support the local campaign against Tesco on Haverstock Hill (39 voted for the resolution; 9 against; 18 abstentions)
- Deborah Buzan was thanked for her significant contribution to the work of the BRA over many years